

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Chief Master Sergeant Gary Murphy, who will be honored with an Adopt A Serviceman Award during the Exercise Tiger Association National Commemorative Foundation's 14th annual Adopt A Serviceman Program awards dinner to be held November 14, 2003, at the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, key speakers for the annual event include United States Congressmen Ike Skelton and Kenny Hulshof, Major General McCarney, TAG Brigadier General Dennis Shull of the National Guard, First Lady Lori Hauser Holden, and several other senior officers from the United States Navy and United States Air Force; and

Whereas, the Exercise Tiger Foundation's National Adopt A Serviceman Program began with the awarding of three plaques to veterans of the battle of Tiger in 1989, since which time more than twenty-five separate categories have been established to honor all veterans and to recognize those who have served in the armed forces or who have supported veterans or provided a community service; and

Whereas, since 1989, more than seven hundred awards have been given to veterans, elected officials, students, military units, journalists, and other deserving recipients, all of whom have been nominated and successfully met the criteria for the award for which they have been nominated; and

Whereas, established in 1999, the Adopt A Serviceman Program is an annual event for the state of Missouri that recognizes the individual efforts of the enlisted NCO's and personnel of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Chief Master Sergeant Gary Murphy, 139th Security Forces Squadron, USAF Air National Guard, who was successful in his efforts to provide aircraft denial teams during Operation Iraqi Freedom, 379th AEW USAF:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Chief Master Sergeant Gary Murphy at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Chief Master Sergeant Gary Murphy, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4653, adopted November 14, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker